

*Only This* AN  
EXHORTATION

To all People in general.

Together with a

WARNING

TO THE

Drunkards

OF

ENGLAND,

Who were my Companions in the Kingdom  
of Darkness, whom my Soul pities.

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Being a Testimony to the Way and Truth  
of God, by one whom the Lord hath vi-  
sited, and in some measure gathered out  
of the World, and Wickedness thereof;  
Known by the Name of

Robert Maynooth.

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*To the Reader, or Readers.*

**T**HE several Particulars following this Epistle, are some things written and declared, which I met with and passed through, as I travelled from Ægypt and Sodom, where our Lord Jesus was crucified, in the way as I walked towards the Lord's holy Mountain, which the Lord is Establishing in the top of the Mountains, and shall be exalted above the Hills, and all Nations shall flow to it, that the Lord may teach them of his Ways, that they may walk in his Paths, which leads to the Land of Rest and Peace for ever.

For I knowing that a few Words in due Season, may be serviceable to the Weak, and

to those who have any desires after God, or such as be seeking the way to *Sion*, with their Faces thitherwards, that they may not look out at any dangers or difficulties that the Enemy of their Souls shall present, but to go on in the Name & Power of the Lord God, who will give them strength to go through all the hardships that ever may befall them, if they be faithful to him: Therefore, I advise all that are honest-hearted, look not forth to the Mountain of *Samaria*, nor to the Temple for worship, nor to the *Masters of Art* (as they are called) to be taught, who are strangers and aliens to the Life of God, which is the Light of men, and therefore must be miserable Comforters, as I can truly say by Experience, they were to me. Most men in this part of the Country, who have known my Education from my Youth, know that I was brought up all my days amongst them; so as to them it is little need of declaring or writing what my Conversation hath been, seeing they cannot but know it; yet for Truth's sake, and for the good-will I bear to all People, who have any desire thereafter, whose Faces I have not seen, nor they me known, I am not ashamed to confess and declare my manner of Life, in the days of my former Conversation, in the time of ignorance, which the Lord was pleased to wink at, that he alone may have the

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Honour of his own Work, who hath put it into my heart for to do it, that he only may have the praise of the same, who is God over all blessed for ever.

I was seventeen Years of Age before I drank any strong Drink ; and before I was Twenty Years old, I was clearly let see the evil and abuse of it, and through the occasion and acquaintance I had amongst men, I saw the Temptation, whereof I had desire to shun, and so continued in a pretty moderation until I was Thirty years old, and then began the Enemy of my Soul to draw me out into Liberty and Looseness, and to keep company with proud men who delighted in Drunkenness; and all along in this filthy Abomination, even National *Priests* and *Teachers* were one with me in the same Excess of Riot, which blinded me the more: and so I can truly say, the Leaders of the People caused me to err, thinking I might do as they did; yet all that time of Darkness and Ignorance the Lord had not left himself without a Witness within me, which testified daily against that course of Life I then lived in, which often broke my Peace, and troubled me many times, so that sometimes I could not sleep nor rest; and so I continued in that condition, until I was Forty years of Age: And I having a precious Woman to my Wife, who began to see the

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emptiness of the *Priests* Teachings, and to leave hearing of them, finding them to be fruitless Trees, which cumber the Ground, and burden the Creation, and bring no Fruit to God ; and she waiting in simplicity of heart, found something check and reprove her inwardly, after which she was drawn to those People who are in scorn called *Quakers*, amongst whom it was clearly manifested to her, that the Light of the Spirit of Christ Jesus, was a sufficient Teacher and Leader into all Truth ; and then began the *Priests* to cast their Envy and Malice not only against my poor Wife, but against me, for suffering her to go to the *Quakers* Meetings, (as they call'd them) and so endeavoured to stir me up against my dear Wife, and put it upon me to tell her, *If she would not cease Meeting with them, and desert them, I might leave and forsake her ;* and that I ought to tell her, *They met together to commit Whoredom & Filthiness in lying one with another ;* and this they pressed daily upon me ; But truly they could not perswade me to believe any such thing, because I knew her Conversation to be Chaste, and always coupled with fear, and witnessing daily against my ungodly Practices, which I was condemned for in my self ; and being upon a time under Condemnation, for the Deeds I had done, which she perceived, and knew at such times I was

willing



willing to please her, that she might not condemn me also, asked me, *If I would permit and allow that some of her Friends might have a Meeting at my House*; which to please her withal (rather then out of love to the Truth) I was made willing to it: She asked me to hear them, which I was much unwilling to: She said, *If I would hear them, if I could say any thing against what they declared, I might speak and object: And if they could not make good what they had spoken, she would ask me for no more Meetings*: At which Meeting I was convinced, tho' not converted; for by that of God in my Conscience I was satisfied that what was declared, was Truth; so within a short time after, I was made willing to come out from the Priests, and their Mass-Houses also, and went among the People of God, together with my dear Wife, tho' with much shame and trouble, to bear the Scoffs and Reproaches of wicked People, which caused me to reason in my self, and conclude such Revilings and Scorn I could not bear, therefore I thought to conform a little to my Companions and Acquaintance, and own those People too, and so I continued at least a Year; and then I was let see, I could not be Heir of two Kingdoms; and if I did not walk faithfully before the Lord, in what he had manifested to me, and in me, to be my duty, who knew

my heart, and the thoughts thereof, it had been better for me not to have known the way of God, and his Righteousness, then after to have known it, to turn therefrom: Upon which consideration, I began to be more faithful to the Lord in what he required, and so more strength was given me, and through the Power of his Might, I became bolder to bear Testimony for the Lord against *Priests, Tythes* and *Offerings*, which were only to continue during the first Covenant, and through the Lord's power was carried over them, through Prisons and spoiling of Goods, for the Lord's sake and his Truth, and had Joy thereby in the presence of mine Enemies. So *Friends*, I can truly say, by experience, that it is faithfulness to the Light of Christ Jesus, that the Lord requires, for to obey is better than Sacrifice, and to hearken then the fat of Rams; therefore it is nothing of that which is Natural of our selves, neither Carnal Wildom, nor Humane Learning, that can give true Knowledge of God, and his Will to the Creature; but it is the Lord's Work in the Creature, through mercy, to reveal himself by the Light of his Son, which hath not only lightned me and some few more; but every man that cometh into the World, that through him, who is Light, and in him is no Darkness at all, People might be sa-

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ved from darkness, and the deeds thereof, which are Carnal, Sensual and Devilish.

So all dear Hearts, to the true Light which you are all enlightned with, I commit you, desiring you in God's fear it may lead you and guide you in all things, at all times, and be your Counsellor when you lie down, and when you rise up; and as you come to have unity with the Light of Christ Jesus, you will come to witness Fellowship and Unity with God; and you will feel the strength of his Love to constrain you to love him, honour and obey him with all your Hearts and Souls; and so you will witness a growth and increase in the Knowledge of God in Christ Jesus, and so become the Disciples and Followers of Christ, and know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free, and by the good Leadings thereof, receive the end of your Faith, even the Salvation of your Souls, which is many thousand fold better than all earthly Pleasures, and all earthly Enjoyments; therefore why should we not sell all for that Kingdom, which fades not away, which stands not in Meats and Drinks, but in Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost, which is prepared from all Eternity for them that believe in the Lord Jesus, and for the Testimony of his Name, are made willing to forsake all the World, and the Glory thereof

of, and love not their Lives unto Death; if they may finish their Course with Joy, in obeying or suffering what the Lord requires that for a Recompence of Reward they may receive Eternal Life, with the little Lamb of my Father's fold, who cries after the Lord in the Power of his Might, to bring into his Rest the Prodigals in *England*, that they may look upon him whom they have pierced, as I have done, who was one with them in the same excess of Riôt; but now through the largeness of the Love of God I am become alive, who was dead, and for the Seed's sake I cannot but declare those things which I have seen and heard.

R. M.

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To

To the Drunkards of *England*,  
 who were my Companions in  
 the Kingdom of *Darkness*,  
 whom my Soul pities.

# FRIENDS,

**T**HE desire of my Heart is, that all Men  
 might come to the Knowledge of the Truth,  
 and be saved, that thereby they might obtain  
 Freedom, and come forth of Egypt, where  
 Darkness remains, to the Supper of the great  
 King, where Bread shall be given them, and  
 their Waters shall be sure; therefore why should  
 any perish with Hunger, and the Way of Life  
 and Fulness so near to every one, even within  
 them, Truth in the inward parts, which is suf-  
 ficient to lead out of all Error, and to guide  
 their steps in the Paths of Peace: therefore  
 the Way is not so hard, as the Souls Enemy  
 would have People believe it is, though it be  
 said to be Narrow, it is but to that part which  
 cannot inherit God's Kingdom; and those that  
 come to Christ, who is the Way to his Father,  
 who is the Light of Men, to lead and guide them  
 to his Father, and to make his Yoke easie, and  
 his Burden light are his Witnesses, who is that



true Prophet Moses writ of, Whom the Lord King  
 would raise like unto me, (saith he) him Men  
 shall you hear; and every one that will not  
 hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed. So saying  
 all you who have not obeyed nor regarded this  
 Prophet, though you have been often checked and  
 reprov'd by him in your Hearts and Consciences, though  
 you obeyed him not, loving your own Will  
 and Carnal Pleasures better then the God of your  
 Life; and if he should leave striving with you,  
 you are left without Excuse, for he hath appear-  
 ed to you, who appeared outwardly in the days of  
 his Flesh, and hath now in these last days appear-  
 ed inwardly by the Light of his Spirit, according  
 to the Scriptures, which saith, Christ within  
 the hope of glory; And blessed be the Lord,  
 thousands be living Witnesses of this Eternal  
 Truth, which is herein declared of, not out of  
 any Self-Exaltation, but for the Praise of God  
 whom I honour; and the desire of my Soul, and  
 the end of my Writing is, (according to the good  
 Will of God) that all may come from under  
 Death's bonds, into the Light of the Lord Jesus,  
 which will let them see the Evil within them, and  
 the Deceivers without them, who abide not in  
 Christ's Doctrine, but teach for Doctrine the  
 Commandments of Men, who are of the World,  
 whose Ways and Worships are vain, who are  
 Men-pleasers; and respect mens Persons, and  
 receive Honour one of another, contrary to  
 Christ and his Royal Law, who though he were



King, he said he received not Honour from  
 him Men; but those men are set up by man, and  
 are not true Followers of Christ, nor keep his  
 Sayings, therefore I am bold to call them Sedu-  
 cers, who follow the Lust of the Flesh, Covetous-  
 ness, Drunkenness and Pride, whose Lives are  
 Profane, and Works are abomination to the  
 Lord, and I know they are seen by many, who  
 will confess they are such men as serve not the  
 Lord Jesus Christ, but their own Belies, and  
 yet will not be dissuaded from them, but love to  
 follow their pernicious ways, rather than the  
 Light of Christ Jesus, which manifests them,  
 and though they be Convinced that they be not  
 Godly Teachers, nor sent of him, yet they will  
 not be Converted from them, to the Light of  
 Christ Jesus, which would turn them from the  
 Power of Satan, to the Power of God, wherein  
 is Salvation to every one that believes, to the  
 Jew, and also to the Gentile; therefore is it  
 not a sad thing to see how the Devil bewitcheth  
 People, and blinds their minds, lest they should  
 be turned to the Truth, in this Day of the  
 Lord's Power, wherein he is more plentifully  
 pouring forth of his Spirit upon the Seed of Ja-  
 cob, and his Blessings upon his Off-spring, which  
 makes them cry to the Inhabitants of the Earth,  
 who have any sense, and be not past feeling, to  
 come out from amongst them, and touch not the  
 unclean thing, and the Lord will receive them.  
 Have you not read in the Scriptures of Truth,

of a certain Rich Man, that Christ spoke of  
 who was clothed with Purple and fine Linnen  
 and fared Sumptuously every day, who dyed, and  
 was buried, and being in great Torments, de-  
 sired to have one sent to his Father's house, for  
 he had five Brethren, that he might warn them  
 lest they should come to that place of Torment,  
 but it was denyed him. Though it be this day  
 testified to you through one who was dead, and  
 is by the Power and Resurrection of the Lord  
 Jesus Christ raised from Death to Life, to warn  
 People, who are yet in Darkness, and under the  
 shadow of Death, and under the power of a strange  
 King (to wit, the Soul's Adversary) to come  
 forth of the Darkness, and shew themselves in  
 the Light of the Lord Jesus, which lighteth every  
 man that cometh into the World, and will shew  
 them their evil deeds, and lead out of them, and  
 brings Salvation to all that are faithful, and obey  
 him, which was the very end of his coming, to  
 save lost Men and lost Women from their Sins,  
 and to destroy the Works of the Devil, (which  
 is Sin) under which burden of Sin and Corrup-  
 tion the Spirit of the Lord hath suffered, and the  
 Lamb as one slain, whose Bowels of Love and  
 Mercy now flows forth to his Creation, Men and  
 Women, and would have them come to him, that  
 they might have Life; but the God of the world  
 hath blinded the Eye of their understanding,  
 whereby they are scitiled in a Life below the Son,

the end thereof will be more bitter than Death,  
 for their Rest is (out of the Truth, out of the  
 holy Mountain) in Egypt, where the Innocent  
 suffered, and suffers, and the Darkness remains  
 upon such to this day, and they will not give up  
 so set forwards towards the Land of Peace and  
 Rest, for the way is tedious to that Nature they  
 are in, and the Enemies numerous, therefore it  
 is high time to feel after the good Old Way, to  
 the Land of Promise.

So in the fear of the Lord cast away the  
 works of Darkness, (Sin and Evil) and come  
 to the Light of Christ Jesus, that you may be  
 armed with it, whereby you may be drawn out  
 of your Lusts, out of your Pleasures, out of  
 your Pride, out of your Covetousness, out of  
 vain Worship, out of your idle talking and fool-  
 ish Jestings, out of your Drunkenness, Wanton-  
 ness and Uncleaness, yea, and from all manner  
 of Sin, into that which is Pure, into that which  
 is Holy, which is of God's begetting, and is of  
 more value then all Created Objects; is not that  
 of God which testifies against Sin, and Ungodli-  
 ness? yea, I can truly say that was it, which  
 judged me, and condemned me when I was young,  
 before I was made sensible what it was.

So all dear People, fear the Lord, and take  
 heed of loving your Lusts, better then the God of  
 Life that manifests them, with the brightness of  
 his coming, and with his breath, would destroy  
 them; so then if you perish in your Evil ways,  
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your Destruction is of your selves, in neglecting  
 so great Salvation, and not prizing your Son  
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 venant of Light and Life, which is Mercy un-  
 speakable; and that you shall one day confe-  
 ss you are left without Excuse to your eternal W-  
 and Misery for evermore, if you go on in your  
 Rebellion against the Lord, and you shall re-  
 member you were warned by one, who was  
 Companion with you in your unfruitful Works  
 Darkness, called,

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The true Teacher found, which  
manifesteth mens Teachings  
unprofitable, who deny the  
true Teacher within.

**W**Here is the Word, the Life and  
(Law,  
Which keeps the Children in the Awe?  
Where is the Truth, the Grace, & Peace,  
Which makes all Jars and Wars to cease?  
Where is the Light that shines so bright  
Throughout the Nations in the Night?  
Where is the true and safe possession,  
The righteous Law, above Profession?  
Why do the Nations 'gainst it rise?  
Is't not because it testifies  
Against their deeds, that they be evil,  
Acted in service of the Devil?  
Why doth the Woman *Jezebel* preach,  
Who is forbidden for to teach,  
And to seduce poor Souls with Lyes,  
With painted shows and feigned cries.  
Tho' she be decked as a Queen,

All her Adulterous skirts are seen,  
 By those that cannot to her bend,  
 Nor ear unto her Witchcrafts lend,  
 Her Priests against delusion cries,  
 Although themselves be in that guise,  
 Being strangers to the Living way,  
 Amongst the dead they have their prey,  
 Tho' they the Scriptures often read,  
 Crying peace, peace unto the dead,  
 Yet they cannot the mystery see,  
 Whose minds are dark i'th' Enmity,  
 Tho' humane Learning they have store,  
 That makes them but adore the Whore,  
 Being enriched by her gain,  
 Causeth them labour with their brain,  
 To keep in Darkness all they may,  
 Lest they should turn from them away  
 Unto the Truth, (which was before  
 False Prophet or the Scarlet Whore)  
 Which is the Way, Christ, the Churches  
 (Head,  
 Who gives his Children living Bread,  
 That they may never hunger more,  
 Being fed by his Eternal store,  
 Which flows forth to his Children dear,  
 Who are kept low in dread and fear,

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Therefore all Souls that feed below  
 The Bread of Life ; your Food we know  
 To be no more than fed with death,  
 Feeding of that which is beneath  
 The Son of Righteousness his Seed,  
 Who is Salvation sure indeed,  
 To all that in his Light believes,  
 But Sorrow to them his Spirit grieves :  
 Oh come to him ! who cries within,  
 And he'll redeem you from all Sin ;  
 For he hath often for you waited,  
 To have you turn from that he hated,  
 Who was not far from you, (unknown)  
 Checking for Sin to press it down ;  
 He calls to all that would be free  
 From Sin and all Iniquity,  
 To cease from man, whose breath's soon  
 (spent,  
 And hear but him who breath him lent,  
 Who is to his a perfect Teacher,  
 And is the only Spirit reacher,  
 Who came men's Lives not to destroy,  
 But Souls to save from all anoy,  
 Who walks in vertue of his Life,  
 Knows that which kills both Lust and  
 (Strife,

Of which a measure you have within,  
 That never gave consent to Sin,  
 But stood always a Witness pure,  
 Against him that would you allure :  
 So if Redeemed you would be  
 Into the *Christians* Liberty,  
 Slight not your day of Visitation,  
 By looking at Predestination,  
 Not owning Christ that he should reign  
 I'th' hearts of men, Sin to restrain ;  
 Therefore come search and try, and hear,  
 Without Money in God's pure fear,  
 And willing be on him to waite,  
 Till he appear, tho' it seem late,  
 Within your Breast you may him find,  
 If him to hear you be inclin'd.  
 So while it may be said to day,  
 Come, come, and see where the Lord lay ;  
 But all that will not hear his Call,  
 Eternal plagues shall on them fall,  
 Which shall for evermore endure,  
 And be to them their portion sure.

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*The dangerous state of all People, who  
are out of the Covenant of Life.*

**A** Few words to all sober-minded,  
Who with darkness have not com-  
(bined,  
To serve that Prince for term of days,  
Which he perswades, without delays,  
Servants to be to Sin and Evil,  
It is the covenant of the Devil:  
For no less time he will agree,  
Then during Life, his Slaves to be.  
So all that would your freedom know,  
From Sin and Satan here below,  
While you are in this House of Clay,  
Regard not outward Bonds I say,  
For there the Enemy may prevail,  
And cause your Faith thereby to fail,  
Looking at things that here we see,  
Which seems impossible to be,  
Being not seen with Eye of Faith,  
Cannot please God, as Scripture saith,  
But

But come down to God's witness near,  
Which stands i'th' Conscience alway  
(clear

To shew unto you Words, and Deeds,  
Whether favoury, or stinking Weeds,  
And whether you hear, or forbear  
That which reproves Sin, will be clear,  
Which is most pure and light also,  
And shews man Sin where-ever he go  
Which is God's Love to all mankind  
To give them light that were full blind  
Blessed are they that faithful be  
To what the Lord doth let them see  
To be their duty, day and night,  
Acting as in their Masters sight;  
Then nothing can be done in haste,  
But light their Counsellor, will taste  
And judge that down, which doth a  
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If it be not i'th' holy fear.  
And here's the Exercise indeed  
Of *Christians*, as they are freed:  
Yet such as will not Truth retain,  
But in their Lusts still will remain,  
Assure themselves this is a warning  
From that which gives a true discernin

As he can say who liv'd i'th' Lust,  
 Before he came to know the Just,  
 And was as bad as they can be,  
 Until the Lord did let him see  
 By his pure Light, what he had done  
 Against the Record of his Son ;  
 And then it was a time of trouble,  
 To see himself worse than a bubble,  
 And he not only in that state,  
 But all that did the Light so hate ;  
 And then he wept with Sorrows grief,  
 Until the Lord sent him Relief,  
 Which was his presence to refresh  
 His fainting Soul near to perish.  
 So all wait low in Christ who's pure,  
 Till him you know your Souls to cure,  
 Who is the good *Samaritan*,  
 To cure and heal the wounded man,  
 And those that will not own his cure,  
 Eternal Plagues shall all endure ;  
 And such from Sorrow can never cease,  
 Nor have therefrom any Release.

*Concerning Perfection.*

**A**LL you that scoff at Purity,  
 Perfection looking not to see,  
 While you are here on this side Grave,  
 Nor any thing that shall you save  
 From Sin, and sinning, while you'r here  
 Yet hopes-at Death you shall be clear;  
 And then to pass to Rest and Peace,  
 And have with Death a full release;  
 So that no judgment can you grieve,  
 Because you do on Christ believe.  
 Is this your Hope and Faith indeed,  
 Who lives i'th' Lust, and have no need  
 To be redeem'd from that condition?  
 But still runs on without suspicion,  
 Without the sence of deadly danger,  
 Being to Truth a very stranger,  
 And him who is the good Physitian,  
 Who would cure with much contrition  
 And none but Christ can do that Cure  
 Of your Disease which brings most sure  
 Eternal death to all that love it,  
 And none but he can remove it.

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Take heed therefore no time delay,  
 Lest you should miss of Cure I say  
 Of that so dangerous Disease,  
 Which without Cure brings Plagues, not  
 (case ;

Therefore it's good to weigh the cause  
 Before you dye, to have a pause  
 How that your Souls may be delivered,  
 When that from Bodies they be severed ;  
 For this will be both sure and true,  
 That every one receive their due,  
 And likewise be rewarded so  
 According to'th' Deeds they did do  
 In the Bodies where they had place,  
 Before they had run out their race ;  
 And look how Death doth stop their  
 (Wind,

So Judgment shall them surely find,  
 And then the Judgment shall proceed,  
 According as hath been decreed ;  
 And all that have not walk't with God,  
 Assuredly shall feel his Rod,  
 And likewise many grievous Woes  
 Shall then be added to the Foes  
 Of the great God of Power and Might,  
 Who to all men hath given a Light

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To lead them safe from the dark Power  
 And from the Sorceries of the Whore :  
 But to his Enemies will be torment,  
 Because they thought not to repent,  
 Nor would believe that they should dye  
 When they transgress'd continually ;  
 Therefore they'r left without excuse  
 Who did his Witness then abuse,  
 When they prefer'd their pleasures here  
 Before the Lord, who bought them dear  
 And if the Lord should striving cease,  
 And sorrow send, and no more peace  
 Unto those Souls that have not priz'd  
 The day of God, by them despis'd,  
 How great will be their cry, and sorrow  
 When day is past that hath no morrow  
 Therefore all you that loves delight  
 In that which is darker then night,  
 Awakened be, and stand upright  
 To Christ Jesus in his pure Light,  
 Which shines i'th' Hearts, to let men see  
 What is not good nor pure to be ;  
 And if obeyed in its leadings,  
 Will not admit such proceedings,  
 As brought them on with such an hand  
 As scarcely one to make a stand,  
 For to consider of their end,

That

That do their time so vainly spend,  
 Their end therefore will sadness bring,  
 Who counted Truth a lying thing,  
 And the pure Light a foolish guide,  
 To keep their steps, they should not slide;  
 By which Lord keep us in thy power,  
 On thee to wait for evermore.  
 And thy pure Truth preserve & spread,  
 That they may live which now are dead.

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*To the Backsliders in Heart.*

**Y**OU that have seen the holy Land,  
 Wherein ripe Grapes so fully stand,  
 And some of you did taste the Fruit,  
 That grew therein, tho now turn'd brute  
 And chuses rather with Beasts to feed,  
 Then to be followers of that Seed  
 Which would have led you to the same,  
 And given you an eternal Name,  
 If you had stood within your Tent,  
 And not for fear of men relent,  
 But to the Lord had faithful been,  
 Then you like Willows had been green,  
 And likewise fed under your Vine,  
 Also refresh'd as with new Wine:

But now you've gotten other Lovers,  
 And hopes beside to have some covers,  
 Because of Truth you got some Words,  
 Which will prove to your sides like  
 (Swords)

How will you answer the just Judge,  
 Who do against his Witness grudge,  
 Which would have led you out of death,  
 And all things else that are beneath,  
 If you had been but honest-hearted,  
 And from the Truth never departed,  
 The Lord to you had been a portion,  
 Preserving you from all abortion,  
 To testify against the dark  
 Which have no covenant with the Ark:  
 But now you'r in a sad condition,  
 By refusing your commission,  
 And gone to serve under the Beast,  
 Who promises your Souls to feast;  
 But you that's by the Serpent led,  
 And likewise by the Hireling fed,  
 Poor food it is unto your Souls,  
 You feed on Earth amongst the Moles,  
 The dust you know is Serpent's meat,  
 And Plagues is to them that do eat  
 Of any Bread, but that is living,  
 Which is not of the Father's giving,  
 Which

Which he keeps for his Children dear,  
 Even those that do him always fear,  
 Then those that have their birth-right  
 (fold,

For their Belly must pine with Cold,  
 And hunger must them pinch beside,  
 Because the Lord they have deny'd,  
 Who would have fed them to the full,  
 And cloth'd them better then with *wool*:  
 But seeing the Lord you have deny'd,  
 Before you came for to be try'd,  
 What you could suffer for his Name,  
 Rather then to deny the same,  
 The greater Plagues will be your due  
 Then if you had not been i'th' view,  
 Of such things as are not fading,  
 Freely given without upbraiding  
 Unto all those that faithful be,  
 Who lives and walks in purity.  
 But you that have prefer'd your Lives,  
 Children, Houses, or your Wives,  
 Before the Lord, that bought you dear  
 That you his Name might always fear,  
 Better you had not profess his Name,  
 Nor have made mention of the same,  
 Seeing you proved so deceitful,  
 And to the Truth turned hateful,

What may you now of him expect,  
 Who doth his Grace and Love reject;  
 For those that know their Master's will  
 And accordingly do not fulfill,  
 More stripes are due unto their Back,  
 Then them that do such *knowledge* lack  
 Repent, repent I say, with speed,  
 That from your Sin you may be freed,  
 For God is near to pardon all,  
 That in his Life do cry and call,  
 Or with the Wicked receive your hire  
 Eternally in flames of Fire.

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*To the suffering Seed and Birth  
 Immortal.*

**T**O the Seed which yet in bondage  
 (lies,  
 And under great oppression cries  
 To be delivered from such thrall  
 That it is pressed down withall,  
 By the sad weight of earthly power,  
 Through the Enchantments of the  
 (Whore,  
 Which is gone forth over the Lands,  
 And's not excluded with great Bands;  
 For



For all Nations under the Globe  
 Polluted are with the Whore's Robe,  
 And none can stand against her Horns,  
 But in that Might that bore the Thorns,  
 And that's the force that will subdue  
 Her filthy and rebellious crue,  
 By which he will likewise make way  
 For his own Seed, without delay  
 To pass as through a Sea of Water,  
 And all his Enemies soon will scatter,  
 Even *Pharaoh* like, with all his Host,  
 And leave them not a man to boast  
 Of what they've gotten by their Might,  
 In all their Fightings in the Night :  
 Therefore all come and lay to heart  
 The honest thing, and set apart  
 That which is evil in the ground,  
 And keep within the modest bound,  
 And you will see an Army great,  
 That in your hearts have got a seat,  
 Which will be work enough to quell,  
 For by your strength you'll not repel,  
 Nor any force beneath the Sun  
 Can that remove they have begun ;  
 Unarm'd therefore you cannot stand,  
 Before the power of such a band.

Nor are you likely to prevail,  
But must before them surely fail,  
If not well armed with the Sword  
Of the Spirit, which is the Word  
O' th' God of Life, of Power and Might,  
Able to drive all out of sight  
That shall oppose his holy Will,  
And likewise can their Blood soon spill;  
So then its not the strength of Arm  
Of Flesh that can preserve from harm,  
Nor any force of humane Nature,  
That can preserve men in that stature,  
But that they must even soon decay,  
If not refreshed day by day  
With the pleasant and living streams,  
Which shines so bright with Chrystal  
(beams,  
Which springs, and flows in these our  
(dayes,  
And fills our Hearts and Mouths with  
(praise,  
That we cannot now silent be,  
But to declare what we do see,  
And if the Enemy should prevail  
To cast our Bodies in some Goal,  
As he hath done, some heretofore,  
Which faithful Testimony bore  
Against

Against the Rulers in those times,  
 Who Spirit-worship counted crimes  
 In this his day that God hath rais'd  
 A Seed, for which his Name be prais'd;  
 And if our Mouths be stopt, from speak

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In this good day of Light out-breaking,  
 We know the Lord can raise the dead,  
 To come with praises on their head,  
 Tho' they were dead as any Stones,  
 And had no moisture in their Bones,  
 Yet that would not be Consolation  
 To those poor Souls in Reprobation,  
 But as we abide in the Spirit,  
 We see the wicked cannot inherit  
 The promises made to the Seed,  
 According as hath been decreed;  
 Therefore they hate us every way,  
 Yet for them we can freely pray  
 The Lord to open their blind Eyes,  
 That they may see whom they despise,  
 And this we can desire at large,  
 The Lord lay not unto their charge,  
 What they against us here have wrought  
 When they our Lives & Livings sought:  
 So Lord, if it stand with thy Will,  
 Bring many Saints to *Sion's* Hill,

To hear thy Voice, and pleasant Song,  
 Which thou hast sent the Babes among,  
 To be their comfort, in this time  
 Where Innocency is counted crime,  
 Which is a time of great tryal,  
 To prove if we will make denial  
 Of our true Faith, and our Profession,  
 As those have done who want possession  
 Of that sweet Life that shall endure,  
 And be to thine a comfort sure,  
 In which, O Lord, us always keep  
 That we be safe, when others sleep  
 In their carnal securitie,  
 Blind i'th' darkness they cannot see,  
 From which, O Lord, keep us alwayes,  
 In thy pure Life, thy Name to praise.

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*To the Hireling Shepherds.*

**A**LL you that Preachers; made by  
 (man,  
 See who requir'd that, of you than  
 To teach and preach for Lucres sake,  
 Under pretence *Christians* to make,  
 But

But your chief aim is for your gain,  
Which makes you run with might and  
(main,

To get your Merchandizes sold  
At a dear rate, both new and old,  
For to maintain your greedy paunch,  
Which is your God, him for to stanch,  
A Law you have for to compel  
People to come, to buy and sell,  
Without approving of your Wares,  
They must accept them as their shares,  
Altho' they be not worth the buying,  
Yet pay they must without denying:  
Are not these sad and unjust things  
To pay for them no profit brings?  
And this you sell without controul,  
Which adds no comfort to the Soul,  
Nor all the feigned words you steal  
Cannot a wounded Conscience heal,  
But daubing with untempered durt,  
Instead of Cure, you do them hurt;  
For still you seem to be in nature  
Ravenous Wolves in humane stature,  
Which doth both raven and devour  
Rich mens Estates, as also poor,  
Tho' you be clothed with Sheep-skin,  
The Wolf's alive in you within,

Which

Which makes you rob & spoil the flocks,  
 And utterly destroy men's flocks,  
 You'r Truth-resisters, by your signs,  
 Being the men of corrupt minds,  
 And such as now cumber the Ground,  
 For no good Fruit in you are found;  
 So you are prov'd the fruitless Trees,  
 And like the drones which spoil the Bees,  
 Altho' you read the Scripture true,  
 Without the Spirit, what doth ensue  
 But only for your carnal Wills,  
 You keep poor Souls in that which kills,  
 To which purpose you make a trade  
 Even to delude Man, Wife, and Maid,  
 Keeping their Souls in bondage still,  
 If you can but the same fulfill,  
 To make them run for what you read,  
 And give you Money for that's no Bread;  
 For shame therefore let it suffice  
 That you be drunk with Avarice,  
 And cease teaching and silent be,  
 And wait on Christ he'll let you see  
 What is your duty, and your place,  
 Obedient be think't no disgrace.  
 That you may not be of that sort,  
 Which of the holy Rest come short,

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But that you may rewarded be  
 VVith them that lives in puritie,  
 VVhich will be sweeter to your spirit,  
 Then all without you do inherit,  
 And blessed you will be also,  
 In every thing you do undergo,  
 And as you come t'obey the Light,  
 Surely your peace will be in sight.  
 Lord God it grant, if that thou please,  
 That all that seek thee may find ease,  
 Through Faith in Christ as he's reveal'd  
 VVho hath the wounded always heal'd.

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### The Conclusion.

**N**OW to conclude, leaving what hath been said  
 To all that reads it, with impartial Eye,  
 Which to believe they need not be afraid,  
 Being true Words, in which there is no Lye,  
 Tho' Godly men were always scott and scorn'd  
 For the Name of Christ, which was their chiefest  
 (good,  
 Yet they rejoyc'd to see his Truth adorn'd,  
 Tho' for so doing it cost some their Blood,

Which was but that they then had left to spend,  
 That they thereby might gain a better prize,  
 Which would be sweeter to their Souls i<sup>n</sup> th<sup>e</sup> end  
 By therein dwelling where true vertue lies,  
 Wherein is sweetness, much better than Life  
 To Souls Immortal in the quiet place,  
 The Godly Ones who are made free from strife,  
 Who are engag<sup>d</sup> to run the holy race,  
 And come away to witness for the Lord,  
 And his pure Truth reproach<sup>d</sup> in these our days,  
 Tho' for so doing they have been abhorr<sup>d</sup>,  
 Which is no other but what hath been always  
 For Truth, is Truth, and all that do err from it,  
 Must once confess how they have done despite,  
 To th<sup>e</sup> Grace of God, and his holy Spirit,  
 By making Sin their pastime and delight;  
 Yet they shall know to their eternal sorrow,  
 That they were warn<sup>d</sup> of what was then to come  
 Of a dark Night, which could bring forth no  
 (morrow,  
 Which is the portion and the Wicked's doom,  
 Who have not priz<sup>d</sup> the day of Visitation,  
 In which all men are left without excuse,  
 By shewing them wherein is Condemnation  
 To all the World, that doth the Light abuse,  
 In which true since, Lord, keep thy tender Flock,  
 Alive in thee for their safety and Rock.

## A Godly Request.

**L**ord God of Life and Power, thy Truth more  
 (spread,  
 That they which truly seek within may read,  
 For Truth i'th' inward parts that thou requires,  
 To which, O Lord, strengthen all weak desires,  
 That Grace & Peace may grow in these our dayes  
 By quickning of the dead, thy Name to praise,  
 That so thy glorious Name may be exalted,  
 And that kept down which hath from thee revolted  
 Which Work, O Lord! thou hast with us begun,  
 Through shining of the Light of thy dear Son:  
 Therefore, O Lord! if that it so please thee,  
 Shine forth on more thy Glory for to see,  
 That so thy Praises may with men encrease,  
 And thou mayst know, who art the God of Peace,  
 That they with us, and we with them may sing  
 Hallelujahs, and Praises unto thee our King.

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